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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed <u>February 17, 2006</u>, for which a shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire May 17, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.